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St. Joseph Church

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His Holiness, Pope Pius XII



*His Excellency Archbishop Amieto Giovanni Cicognani
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November 25, 1951.

Reverend Leon Pisula
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Reverend and dear Father:

I am pleased to inform you that on this joyous occasion of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the founding of the Parish of St. Joseph in Garrett, Indiana, our Most Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, has very graciously deigned to bestow his special Apostolic Benediction upon you, the Pastor, the priests and religious associated with you in your work, the faithful and friends of the parish who join in celebrating this memorable anniversary.

This Blessing is granted as a token of the paternal affection of His Holiness in recognition of three quarters of a century of loyal and devoted service to the Divine Master and to His Church and as a pledge of heavenly favors for the years which lie ahead.

While conveying to you this august message of the Sovereign Pontiff I wish to add my own personal greetings and good wishes.

With sentiments of esteem and with renewed felicitations, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† A. G. CICOGNANI,
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*The Most Reverend John F. Noll, D.D.
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Dear Pastor and Parishioners of
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Only today I directed a letter to the pastor and parishioners of a new parish which has not yet been used. But in the case of St. Joseph's, Garrett, I am writing to the pastor and people of a parish founded seventy-five years ago, and which, therefore, is observing the Diamond Jubilee of its existence.

One of the most encouraging things for the Catholic to contemplate is the growth and development of his Church. At the time that the present Bishop of Fort Wayne was ordained there were only six parishes in the city of Fort Wayne and now there are thirteen. Some of the small parishes started fifty years ago are now the largest. There were then no city churches, except at Crown Point, in the entire Lake County, which today has more than fifty parishes.

There were only a few churches in Chicago at the time St. Joseph's of Garrett was organized while today there are about two hundred and seventy.

While we have been building new churches, many of the sects have been closing theirs, or merging one parish with another, even of two different denominations.

But on the occasion of a Jubilee the people of any parish should exhibit their gratitude to Almighty God; should celebrate the festival, after cleansing their souls of all sins and having them adorned with divine grace. They should also think of the hundreds of former parishioners who have gone into eternity, and who have earned all the merit, for which we hope the greater number are being rewarded, through the help they procured from their parish church.

The Bishop, therefore, rejoices with the pastor and people of St. Joseph's, Garrett, and felicitates them and sends all of them a big blessing.

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In the New World the history of the Church began with the discovery. Priests and missionaries accompanied the early discoverers and settlers who came from Catholic countries. Early missions in the Maryland colony and in the northern parts subject to French influence brought the faith to the New World.

The first organized diocese in North America was formed in Quebec, where the first bishop was installed in 1674. His diocese included the entire known territory of what is now the United States and Canada, with the exception of the sea coast, which was still subject to London, and the part now known as Florida and Louisiana, which belonged to the Santiago da Cuba. In 1789 the see of Baltimore was established by Pope Pius VI and the jurisdiction of its bishop was co-extensive with the boundaries of the United States. In 1808 Bardstown was established as a diocese, and this part of the New World was subject to its bishop. A new division was made in 1834 when the diocese of Vincennes was erected and comprised all of Indiana and part of Illinois. In 1837 the northern half of the state of Indiana was set up as a new diocese with the episcopal see at Fort Wayne.



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Old Church

History of Local Church

On August 5, 1872, Reverend August Young, who had demonstrated ability as an organizer, was given charge of the Catholic work in DeKalb, Steuben and the northern part of Allen counties. In that early time the Catholics in this territory were mostly farmers and not organized. They lived in the "back woods" and rarely saw a priest. However, Father Young visited the members of the church in the large district and held services whenever and wherever it was possible. There were no railroads and he was obliged to walk from his place of residence at Auburn to Garrett, Waterloo, and Summit.

When the young priest came to what is now Garrett there were just four families in the community and comparatively little land was cleared. The houses were in reality log huts. When the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio repair shops was started in 1874, he was given better support. A teamster who resided in the town lived in a tent and kept his horses in the rear. It was in this tent about 200 feet north of the corner of King and Guilford streets that Father Young held his first church service in the spring of 1875. At that time Father Young visited Garrett once or twice a month.

SS. Peter and Paul's Church at Garrett was organized in 1876 by Father Young, who came here as a missionary from Auburn. In May and June, 1876, the small frame church, 24 x 40, which was built at a cost of \$2,000, was dedicated June 29th by the Most Rev. Joseph Dwenger, Bishop of Fort Wayne. The parish continued as a mission until 1886 when Father Young became the first resident pastor. In 1880 he built an addition to the church and with the congregation increasing rapidly, a cruciform addition was made to the church in 1886. This addition, beautifully painted on the interior, with three altars and a pulpit, stained glass windows and a bell, cost \$5,000. The

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seating capacity of the church was 300. A two-story pastoral residence at a cost of \$1,500 was provided and Father Young took possession of it on November 10, 1886. In 1893 a third addition had to be built to the church, thus increasing the seating capacity to 500. This cost \$3,300. The congregation increased from 25 families to 150 and through the indefatigable labors of Father Young the parish has been placed in a most flourishing condition.

Father Young, advancing in age and failing in health, was assisted in his pastoral work first by the Rev. John Steger, who was transferred from Hartford City to Garrett in June, 1909, and remained here until July, 1911.

The Rev. J. Nicholas Allgeier, who was ordained June 17, 1911, received for his first appointment the assignment to Garrett, where he assisted Father Young until February 5, 1919.

The societies attached to the parish at that time were: Catholic Knights with a membership of 32; Catholic Benevolent League, 32; St. Joseph's School Society, 94; the Ladies' Altar Society, 115, and the Blessed Virgin Sodality, 116.

Father Young continued his active work in the parish until February 5, 1919, when he retired and was succeeded by the Rev. Francis A. King. Father Young moved at that time from the rectory of the church to the hospital, where he occupied the Chaplain's quarters.

After Father Young's retirement, Father King labored during his eight years of service in Garrett to procure funds for the erection of a new church. He purchased the rest of the land at the southeast corner of Houston and Ijams Streets for the site of

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Present Church and Rectory

the church. Father King died April 24, 1927, and in that same year the Rev. John G. Bennett came to the parish.

Father Bennett took charge of the parish on April 29, 1927, and he immediately began completing plans for the new church and rectory. In September, 1927, work was begun on the new rectory, a brick veneered structure of eight rooms. It was completed in April, 1928, at a cost of \$17,000. In November, 1928, contracts were made for the new church dedicated to St. Joseph. Excavation and walls for the basement were completed that fall. The cornerstone of the new church was laid by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Delaney on Low Sunday, and the sermon was preached for this occasion by the Rev. John A. McCarthy. The dedication of the new church by the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, took place on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1929. The cost of this very beautiful Romanesque Church, with furnishings included, amounted to \$102,000. Stained glass windows were installed in the new church in 1939 at a cost of \$2,000, and the church was decorated in 1942 at a cost of \$3,000.

Father Bennett on his appointment as the first bishop of the newly created diocese of Lafayette in Indiana was succeeded by the Rev. Leon Pisula on February 28, 1945, as pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Plans at present are being made and funds are being gathered for the construction of a new school and convent.

In the fall of 1927 the Holy Name Society and the Archconfraternity of the Holy Rosary were established while the St. Joseph's School Society was allowed to cease. There is no record on hand to indicate who were the first officers of either the Blessed Virgin's Sodality or Rosary Society. However the present officers of the Rosary Society are:

Mrs. Herman DePew, Pres.

Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Sec.

Mrs. Eugene Vogeding, Vice-Pres.

Mrs. Dale Feick, Treas.

Present membership 204.

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The first meeting of the Holy Name Society was called on Monday, October 10, 1927, at which W. T. Eagan and Frank Seifert were chosen as temporary chairman and secretary, respectively. A draft of the constitution was read and explained by Father Bennett. This was followed by a discussion after which the following were elected to office:

James T. McSweeney, Pres.

Stanley Riedhart, Vice-Pres.

Frank J. Seifert, Sec.

Arthur Johnson, Treas.

Stephan Blaskie, Custodian

The present officers of the Holy Name Society are:

Norbert Muzzillo, Pres.

Collins Redmond, Vice-Pres.

Harris Hoeffel, Sec.

Arthur Johnson, Treas.

Joseph Mueller, Custodian

The present membership is 142.

Catholic National Organizations in the parish are: Queen of Peace Circle, Daughters of Isabella, and Council No. 1790, Knights of Columbus.

The National Circle, Daughters of Isabella, is one of the outstanding organizations of Catholic women in the United States. The circle was organized in the state of Connecticut in 1897 as an auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus.

The object of the circle is to promote charity, unity and friendship.

Garrett's circle was organized July 27, 1923, with ninety-two charter members and it selected the name of "Queen of Peace" circle. The present membership is 141.

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The present officers are:

Regent, Mrs. Ben Drerup of Auburn.

Past Regent, Mrs. Herman H. VanDerbosch.

Vice Regent, Mrs. Robert N. Nason.

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Financial Secretary, Miss Marjorie Potee.

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Scribe, Mrs. Ted Machlik.

Trustees, Mrs. Wayne Beuret, Auburn; Rhodine Heinlen, Bernadine Fetter.

In 1915 the first three degrees of the Knights of Columbus were conferred on a Garrett class in the Odd Fellows' hall. Dr. E. J. McOscar of Fort Wayne was district deputy. The charter was granted to eighty-two members.

The council met for some time in the Barney Hunsel building, and two years after the erection of the Clark building on Randolph Street the council moved into the rooms on the second floor and occupied them until 1932. It then moved into the Behler building and later on into the Muzzillo building. In 1945 the council purchased the Emil Hill building which it has remodeled into beautifully furnished lounging rooms and a hall for council chambers which may be used for banquets, dancing and various social activities.

Fathers Young, King, and Bennett served as chaplains in the past and Rev. Leon P. Pisula is the present chaplain.

The following have served the council as Grand Knight: Walter McDermott, T. J. T. McSweeney, Eugene Vogeding, C. M. Minnich, Steve Blaskie, E. B. Henslee, James L. Cogley, Ed Mies, O. C. Clark, R. L. Behler, H. H. VanDerbosch, T. A. Moran, B. A. Johnson, Ralph Sweeney.

The present officers are:

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Elmer Delucenay, Deputy Grand Knight.

Robert Feagler, Recording Secretary.

James Hoeffel, Financial Secretary.

Edwin Blomeke, Treasurer.

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There are 135 members at present.

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FACTS OF EARLY RECORDS

The first baptism of the Garrett territory listed is of Victoria Wezolock, born on Dec. 4, 1875, and baptized on Dec. 12, 1875. She was the daughter of Ignatius Wezolock and Mary Ketzeska, and the sponsors were John Dombeck and Michaelina Ketzeska.

The first baptism recorded after the beginning of services in this territory was of George Henry Hardfort, the son of Thomas Hardfort and Margaret Ferguson, born Sept. 12, 1873, and baptized Feb. 1, 1876. The sponsors were Michael Rink and Mary McQuire.

The first born and baptized after the founding of the new parish was Rose Anna Skilling, the daughter of James R. Skilling and Mary Kane. She was born June 30, 1876, and baptized July 23, 1876, and Charles and Caroline Linkenhelt were the sponsors.

The first marriage recorded in the new parish was of Joseph Couret and Rose Duffy on Feb. 27, 1879, which was witnessed by Frank Couret and Margaret Warol.

The first burial recorded is of Patrick Murphy, 85 years old, who died July 7, 1880, and was buried in St. Mary's cemetery, Avilla, on July 9, 1880.

The first group confirmed here by the Most Rev. Joseph Dwenger, Bishop of Fort Wayne, on June 27, 1880, was composed of:

Simon Michael Dollar	Anna Elizabeth McChristte
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William Joseph Springman	Alfreda Ethel Bisset
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The sponsors for the above group were Joseph Couret and Ellen Bisset.

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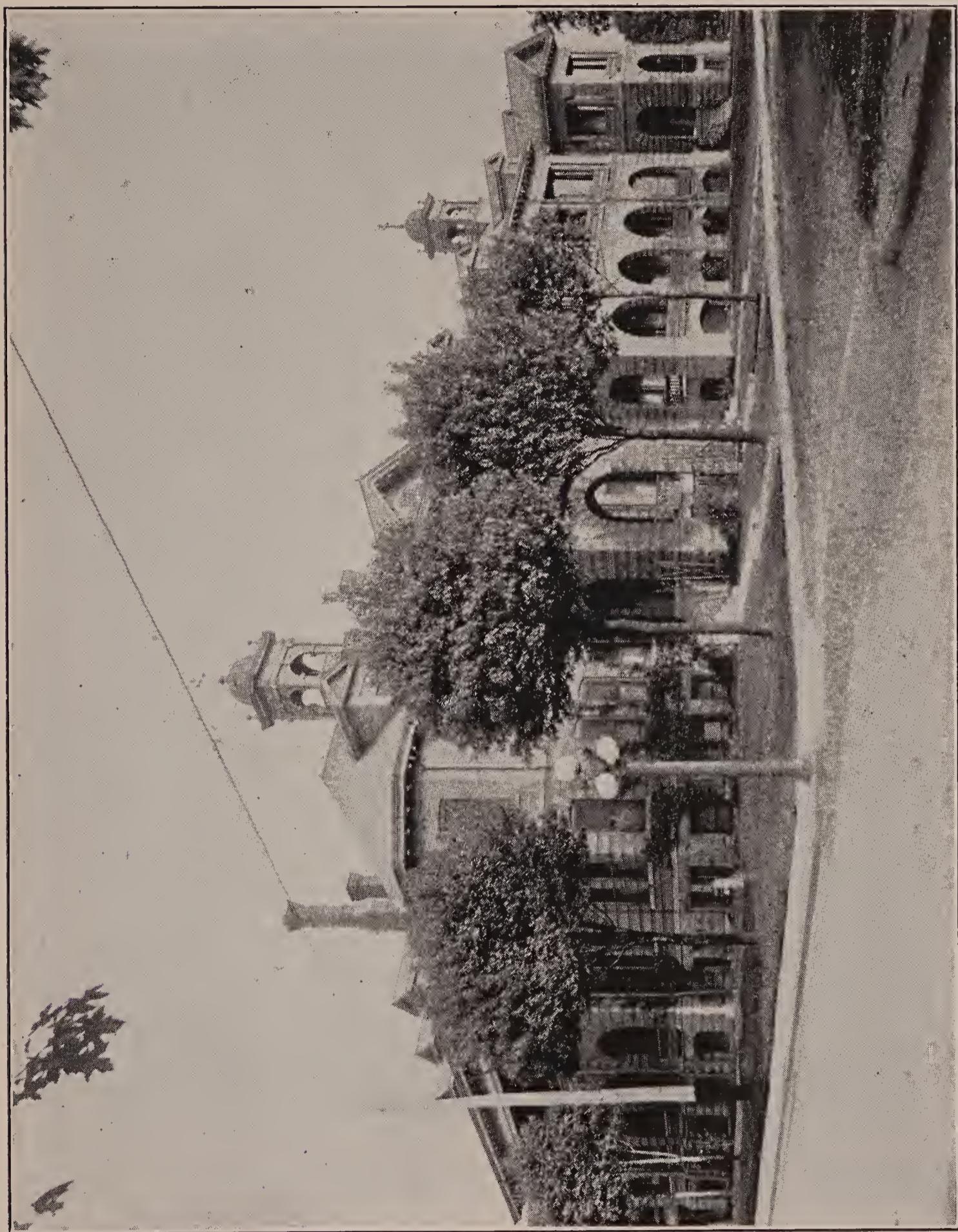
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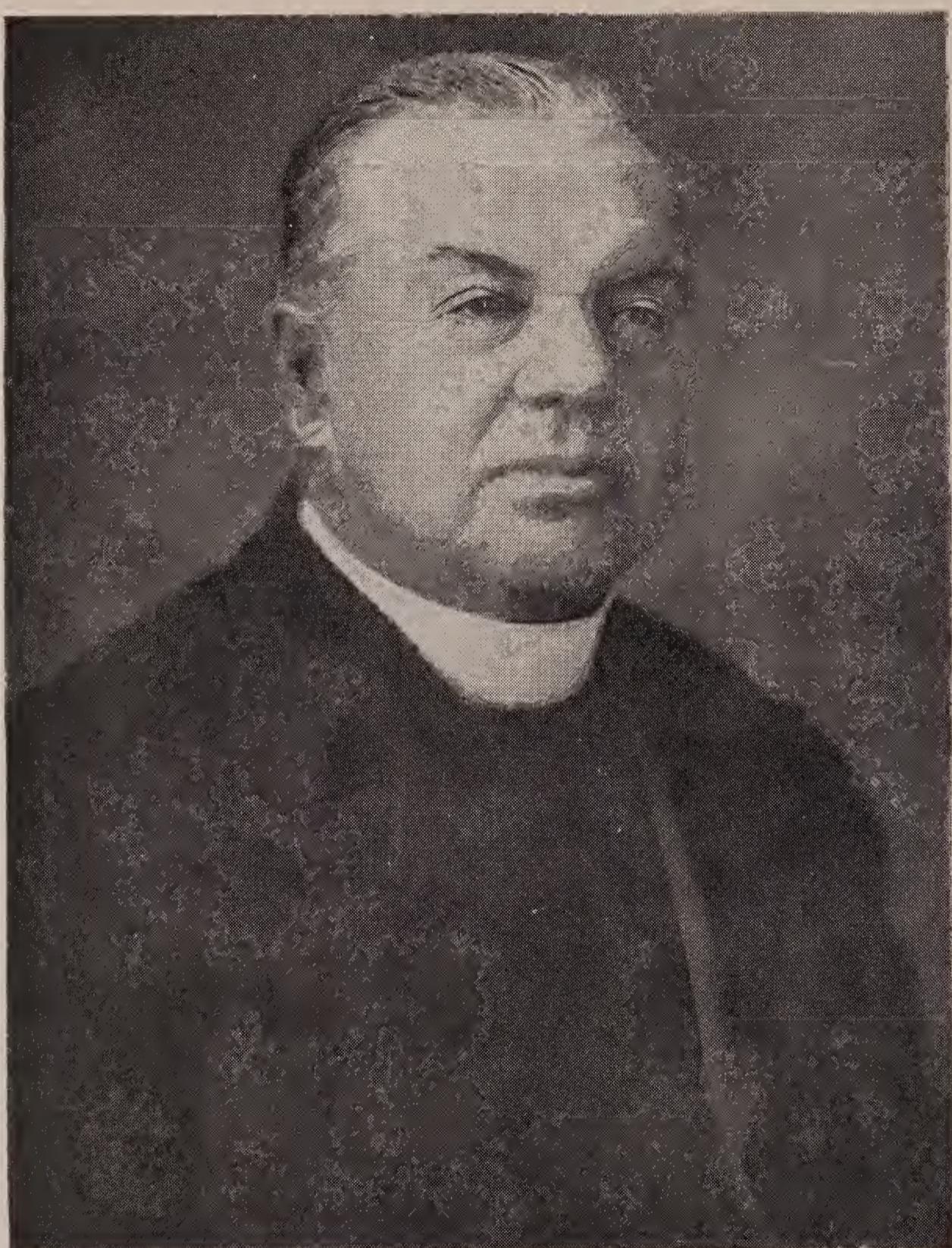
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History of Father Young

The Rev. August Young was born in Schleithal, Alsace, diocese of Strassburg, Germany, March 29, 1842. He made his classical studies in Strassburg and in Carthagena, Ohio, and his philosophical and theological studies at St. Vincent's, Pennsylvania. He was ordained a priest on January 1, 1868, at Tiffin, Ohio, by Bishop Rappe of Cleveland. He came to the diocese of Fort Wayne on March 19, 1868. His appointments were as follows: Assistant at Huntington till August, 1869; Rensselaer Orphan Asylum till October, 1871; assistant at St. Mary's Church, Fort Wayne, till August 5, 1872; pastor of Auburn and missions till November, 1886; pastor at Garrett until 1919. While residing at Rensselaer he attended Remington.

When Father Young took up his residence at Garrett his labors were untiring in promoting the welfare of his people, the newly developing community, and, primarily, in promoting the glory of God and His Church.

Father Young, observing that Garrett was very much in need of a resting place for the dead, purchased on January 10, 1897, seven and a half acres of land just outside the city limits for \$800. He employed a competent civil engineer, had the land surveyed and laid out in 750 cemetery lots at a cost of \$3,000, and designated it as "Calvary Cemetery."

Credit is due Father Young as the founder of the Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett. As he witnessed the progress and development of the town he also observed the public necessity and constant demand for such an institution. For a long time he had this enterprise under consideration but was deterred from taking any action on account of the lack of confidence in the permanence of the town. This hindrance to the progress of the town was fostered by the erroneous clamoring that the shops were to be moved to Defiance where the people were enthusiastically watching every freight train coming in from the west, expecting to see it loaded with the B. & O. shops. Being confused and perplexed by this condition, Father Young, like many more here in Garrett, was dilatory in making improvements. He very judiciously went to Baltimore and had an audience with the proper officials of the B. & O. Railroad Company and also the Baltimore Land and Improvement Co. He was very courteously received at both places. From these hearings he learned that the division point on the Chicago division was to be permanently located at Garrett. So with this encouragement, he at once commenced negotiations to establish a hospital. His first move was to buy the ground. On April 13, 1901, he purchased the residence with four lots on the corner of Houston and Ijams streets at Garrett, located one square west of the church, which property then was owned by W. G. Satterfield. Here the Sacred Heart hospital was opened. Father Young gave the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart charge of it. Because housing was found wholly insufficient, the erection of a new hospital was begun in 1912. The building is 40 x 120 feet, having a basement of eleven feet in the clear and over it two stories with two verandas the full length in the front and on the south side. It is one of the finest and best equipped hospitals of its size. Two additional lots adjoining were secured, which gives the hospital grounds a frontage of 150 feet with a depth of 125 feet. The value of the property, which has cost upward of \$62,000 and which is clear of every indebtedness, was presented by Father Young to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in July, 1903. The name of Father Young is inscribed on the face of the cornerstone. The hospital was solemnly dedicated by Bishop Alerding on May 17, 1903.

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Rev. Father Young, the venerable Garrett priest, died Saturday afternoon at one o'clock January 10, 1925. At his request the funeral services were held in the hospital chapel the following Wednesday morning with interment of the body in Calvary Cemetery.

The story of Father Young's life is one of devotion to his Church and to his community. He was among the first residents of Garrett and was a factor in its development and growth until he retired in 1919 because of advanced age. He is credited with having done more for his home city than any other individual.



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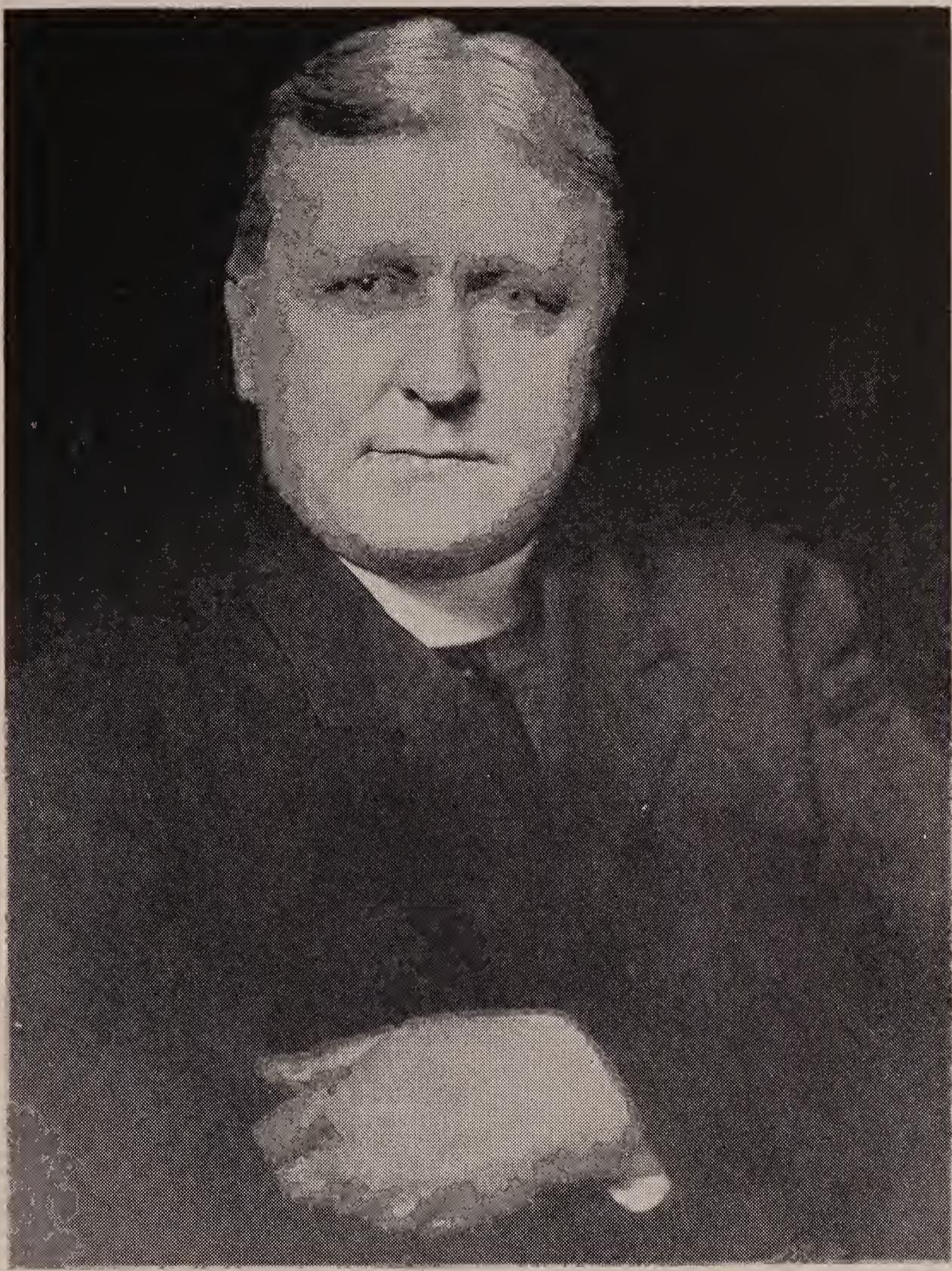
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The Rev. Francis A. King

The Rev. Francis A. King was born on March 25, 1861, in Delphi, Indiana. His studies were made in Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, and in St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was ordained priest in Milwaukee by Archbishop Heiss on June 29, 1885. His appointments were: Pastor of Covington and missions till 1890; pastor of Union City from 1890 till 1899; pastor of Goshen; assistant at St. Vincent de Paul's Church at Loransport. He served as pastor at Ege for nine and a half years, when he was appointed the successor to Father Young in February, 1919.

Father King was pastor at SS. Peter and Paul's Church at Garrett for eight years during which time he labored zealously for the spiritual welfare of those in his charge and during which time he continued to accumulate a substantial sum which materially aided his successor in the construction of the new church. The death of Father King took place Sunday morning, April 24, 1927, at 1:20 o'clock at Sacred Heart hospital. Funeral services were held at the church Wednesday morning at nine-thirty. Interment was made in Delphi.



*The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, D.D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette in Indiana*

The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, D.D., was born at Dunnington, Indiana, on January 20, 1891, and was educated at St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind., and at St. Minrad's Seminary, Spencer County, Indiana. He was ordained on June 27, 1914, by Bishop Alerding and was sent to assist Father Delaney of St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne. He served there nearly thirteen years before being appointed pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Church at Garrett, which charge he took over on April 29, 1927. During his pastorate at Garrett he was responsible for the building of the present church and rectory. He was appointed by Bishop Noll in 1941 as Dean of the Fort Wayne District and two years later he was made a Right Reverend Monsignor in a colorful ceremony at the Garrett Church on September 16, 1943. He was soon afterward consecrated Bishop of the New Lafayette in Indiana diocese at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, Wednesday, December 20, 1944.

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November 11, 1951.

Reverend Leon P. Pisula, Pastor,
St. Joseph's Church,
Garrett, Indiana

Dear Father Pisula:

The celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of St. Joseph's Parish gives evidence of the sense of gratitude of the members of the parish. For three quarters of a century the Church has had its place in the lives of the people of the city. Without interruption the flow of God's grace has reached the souls of the people through the instrumentality of the Church. Countless souls were given regeneration as children of God, guided and directed in the way of Christian life, assisted by the Holy Sacrifice and the Sacraments in their efforts to serve God, and were finally prepared for the journey to their heavenly home. There is no way to account for all the mercies of God that have come to the members of the parish. Nor do we need to make an inventory of these things. It is sufficient to offer thanksgiving to God for all His mercies and to praise His Holy Name for His goodness.

In the providence of God it was given to me to spend nearly eighteen years as pastor of St. Joseph's. Those were happy years. For the blessings received during those years I wish to join with you in offering thanks to God, and to beg that the years gone by may presage further gifts of the spirit to all who rejoice in the privilege of membership in St. Joseph's.

May God bless all who have had a part in the work of the Church in these seventy-five years and bring to them the richest of His blessings.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

† J. G. BENNETT,
Bishop of Lafayette in Indiana.



Rev. Leon P. Pisula

The Rev. Leon P. Pisula was born January 31, 1900, at Everson, Pa. He attended the parochial school and continued his studies at St. John Kanty College, Erie, Pa., and at SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, Mich. He was ordained June 14, 1925, at the Sweetest Heart of Mary Church, Detroit, Mich., by the Most Rev. Joseph Plagens, Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit. He was appointed assistant at St. Vincent's Church, Elkhart, on July 10, 1925; transferred as an assistant to St. Adalbert's Church, South Bend, on August 12, 1927; appointed pastor of St. Michael's Church, Waterloo, on July 8, 1936, and transferred as pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Garrett, on Feb. 28, 1945.



OUR SCHOOL

The children of St. Joseph's receive their education at the St. Joseph's school which is being taught by the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Joliet, Illinois. The St. Joseph's School consists of the regular elementary eight grades and a four-year high school. The average enrollment in recent years is 170-180 pupils. The purpose of the school in conjunction with the Church is to give religious training to the pupils along with their school work.

In 1876, after the SS. Peter and Paul's Church had been built, Father Young opened in the Church a select school with Miss Josephine Bissnett as teacher. In 1888 the present school situated 100 feet south of the Church on Peter Street was erected. It consisted of the main building 54 x 32 feet and one wing 18 x 30, which cost \$6,000. This portion contained four classrooms and was in charge of the Sisters of the Precious Blood. In 1904 the school had become inadequate for the accommodation of the children to such a degree that 24 children could not be admitted for want of room. The original building plan was used and four classrooms were added. The three-story building of brick, trimmed with Bedford stone, presented a beautiful appearance. In all its appointments it was then considered the most completely equipped school in DeKalb County. The total cost was \$10,000. The Sisters' residence was completed in 1890 at a cost of \$2,000.

Until 1926 the Sisters of the Precious Blood taught the SS. Peter and Paul's School, as St. Joseph's was then called. They were followed by the St. Joseph Sisters of Tipton, Indiana, who remained one year. In 1927 five Sisters of the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Joliet, Illinois, the present teaching order, undertook the staffing of the school now known as St. Joseph's. When the commercial school was changed into a regular four-year high school in 1932, another Sister was added. Until 1948 six Sisters staffed the school but because of increased enrollment another Sister was added so that at the present time there are seven teachers.

The school has made steady progress in keeping the curricula up to date. Science is taught in all grades. In the high school a college preparatory, a business, and a general curriculum are offered. The children are regularly tested for mental and physical defects. Fire drills are held regularly, and the state inspector reported the condition of the school

good. He orally commented on the cleanliness of the building. Each classroom is provided with Diocesan and State approved textbooks, dictionaries, charts, etc. A school library of 2,629 catalogued books is maintained in addition to the classroom libraries. The school is listed among the recognized private schools in the State Directory of 1950. It was affiliated with the Catholic University of America in 1947. To date, 115 young men and women have received their complete training at St. Joseph's. Seven boys and girls are enrolled in higher institutions of learning, some in college, others in nurses training schools.

BUSY BEE CLUB

As soon as the high school was organized in 1933, a club then known as the Booster Club was organized. This name was changed to Busy Bee Club in 1935 to comply with a suggestion made by the Most Rev. J. G. Bennett. This club provides the students with ample opportunities for developing leadership, social graces and a cooperative attitude toward the school, Church and community. The meetings of the club are held regularly with strict adherence to Parliamentary Law. The club sponsors such activities as Dramatics, Sports, Teas, Banquets, Parties, Fund Raising Projects and other aid to St. Joseph's Church. The officers of the Busy Bee Club for this year are: President, Rita Richter; Vice President, Josephine DePew; Secretary, Janet McDanel; Treasurer, James Whittecar; Business Manager, Joseph Bonkoski; Parliamentarian, William Abbott; Publicity Manager, Raymond Hollis.

GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club was begun in 1935. Since the high school students sing the high Masses on week days and holy days of obligation, the club provides an opportunity for boys and girls to learn to sing by note and develop an appreciation for good music. The club has been fortunate in having such good student accompanists as Delores Yanuszewski, Rose Mary Kobiela and Mary Lou Shoudel.

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QUILL AND SCROLL

To promote interest in writing and Good English, the school was enrolled in the "Quill and Scroll" in 1944. This is an international Honor Society for High School Journalism and 31 students have received recognition from this organization.

MOTHERS' CLUB

Mrs. Joseph Kobiela and the Mothers of High School Students initiated the Mothers' Club. It was begun Feb. 8, 1948, for the promotion of friendship, cooperation and understanding between Teachers and Parents and for the welfare of St. Joseph's School. The Mothers' Club provides the local gym for boys and girls. The Club has also given valuable assistance in procuring the library, playground equipment, etc. The first officers of the Club were: President, Mrs. Joseph Kobiela; Vice President, Mrs. Robert Young; Secretary, Mrs. Albert Lumm; Treasurer, Mrs. Stephen Johnson. For the present year the officers are: Mrs. Joseph Kobiela, President; Mrs. Charles Shoudel, Vice President; Mrs. Dolores Davis, Secretary; Mrs. Raymond Lyons, Treasurer.



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Top Row: Rev. August Young, Sister Leona, Sister Josephine, Rev. Duehmig.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

In 1947 the Alumni Association of St. Joseph's High School was formed. While most of those who have graduated are seen from time to time, a formal gathering is held twice a year, namely, the Thanksgiving Supper and the Junior-Senior Prom. The President of the Association is Corinne Mansfield.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Scholastic recognition came to the school in 1948. The school was granted Charter No. 3619 by the National Honor Society for a chapter to be known as St. Joseph's Chapter. This was a distinct achievement, since only schools on the accredited list of the North Central Association, or those who upon investigation give evidence of equally high rating, are permitted to maintain a local chapter. The students on the roster who successfully maintained a 90% average for their work in St. Joseph's High and gave evidence of character, leadership, scholarship and service are: Edward Kobiela, Mary Young, Margaret Miller, Elizabeth Zecca, Mary Ann Rothwell, Mary Ann Richter, Dolores Yanuszeski, Ursula Vanderbosch and Roberta Mezydlo. Candidates to the chapter are: Josephine DePew, Barbara Richter, Rita Richter, Rose Mary Kobiela. Reverend Leon P. Pisula was enrolled as a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

DEKALB COUNTY CONTEST

On April 7, 1948, announcement was made that Dolores Yanuszeski, then a sophomore in the parish high school, won first prize in a competitive essay contest on Soil Conservation. The contest included all the high and junior high school divisions in DeKalb county. In the junior high division, Barbara Richter won second prize and Margaret Seifert won fourth prize. Five pupils won honorable mention. Thus the boys and girls of St. Joseph's won 110 dollars out of the 300 dollars awarded.

LATIN

Since 1948 the students in the Latin Classes have been taking a test (non-compulsory) from the National Association for Promotion of the Study of Latin of which Dr. A. E. Warsley of Elizabeth, N. J., is president. Fifteen students have won various certificates of merit, and in 1949 two students, Rose Mary Kobiela and Myrna Funke, won medal pins for superlative merit. Should another student win one of these medals, the school will receive a trophy.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP CLUB

The Good Citizenship Club for the pupils of grades seven and eight was formed in 1949. This is in accordance with the "Social Living Program" of the Catholic University of America. For two years the boys and girls of these grades have served on the Safety Patrol, provision for which was initiated by the Mothers' Club.

C. P. A.

Because the school publishes a monthly school paper and a yearbook, it joined the Catholic Press Association. In 1949 the S. J. H. Signet received an "All Catholic Award" from the critical service the association gives its members. William Young was editor of this annual. Pupils who have received recognition from the C. P. A. are William Young, Dolores Yanuszeski, Mary Ann Richter, Ursula Vanderbosch and Nulah Zeider.

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A great portion of the credit for the progress which St. Joseph's School has made goes to Reverend Leon P. Pisula and Most Reverend J. G. Bennett. Both have been personally interested and helpful.



Seniors 1951-52

First Row, left to right: Barbara Richter, Josephine DePew, Rita Richter, Joan Fechner.
Second Row: Raymond Hollis, Floyd Johnson, James Whittecar.





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Third Row: Joyce Dunn, Elizabeth Ann Conkle, Marcia DeWitt, Martha Ann Dolan, James Steinmetz, Walter Beber, Jerry Houlton, Edward Pence, Janice Leeson.

Fourth Row: David Abbott, Robert Joboski, Bruce Nason, Michael Steward, Judith Detrick, Nancy Shafer, Peggy Clabaugh.

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The list of over 40 members of the parish serving during World War I is not available.

Message

When history records the events of the past concerning nations, wars, etc., usually only the heads of the government, generals of the armies or leaders are mentioned. The people, who composed these nations or armies, who were called on to undergo the hardships and sacrifices, those without whom the leaders would accomplish little or nothing, fade into the background. The same holds true as far as the history of any parish is concerned — the names of the priests are usually remembered and prominently mentioned, while those of the parishioners are short lived. Be it remembered then that St. Joseph's Parish stands today, not as a monument to its pastors, but as a monument to the faith of its parishioners and to the sacrifices they have made for the honor and glory of God while following the guidance of their spiritual leaders.

— Rev. Leon P. Pisula.



In Appreciation . . .

To all without exception—individuals and organizations—who have contributed in any way to the success of the Diamond Jubilee, we express our sincere gratitude.

Rev. Leon P. Pisula, Pastor
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Program



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

10 A.M. Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving in the presence of Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Jubilee Sermon preached by Bishop Noll.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass.

12 Noon Banquet for clergy, parishioners and guests in church basement.

Speakers at the banquet:

Most Rev. John F. Noll, D.D., Bishop of Fort Wayne.

Most Rev. John G. Bennett, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette, Ind.

Rev. Leon P. Pisula, Pastor.

Hon. Walter Stump, Judge of DeKalb Circuit Court.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8 A.M. Requiem Mass for the deceased benefactors and parishioners.



